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## NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

### DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trade sentiment steady to barely steady on hens and consumer sized toms. Demand and trading slow. Offerings available. Trade sentiment generally steady on tom breast meat with some expressing increased confidence in the market. Increased interest was noted on tom breast meat with a few holding inventories with confidence. Offerings light to adequate with a few processors freezing excess product for summer usage. Trading centered on fair volumes of frozen tom breast meat and Grade A 4-8 lb. breasts for current shipments. Some contracts for January - December, 2001 were noted on fresh tom breast meat and fresh destrapped tenderloins at firm price levels.

### EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Demand and trading continued to be active mostly on items destined for either Asia or Russia. Trading centered on tom drums and tom 2-joint wings. Inquiry from Mexico continued slow at best as buyers wait to consume all the purchases made in December, 2000.

**WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS**, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **JANUARY 11, 2001**

#### CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/

	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	61-63	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	58-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	61-63	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	60-61	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	59-61	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	60-61	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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EASTERN REGION 3/	61-63	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	58-62	58	58.00	70	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	61-63	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	59-61	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	58-61	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	60-61	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days.

3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting. 6/ Includes product committed for pricing during the previous 24 hours but shipment in more than 14 days from date of commitment. 7/ Includes product committed during previous 24 hours at prices to be determined at later date.

**WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS**, FROZEN CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

WEEK OF JANUARY 12, 2001	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	62.00**	63.00**	62.13
CENTRAL REGION	58.00	61.00**	61.00
WESTERN REGION	62.00**	63.00**	60.90**
16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	60.40**	61.00**	62.50
CENTRAL REGION	59.70**	60.63**	59.00
WESTERN REGION	60.50**	61.00**	59.90**

\*\*BASED ON OFFERS

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED TURKEY,  
DELIVERED TO RETAILERS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	96
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	96
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	70-81
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	67-73
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	68-83

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY  
DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
TURKEYS Y HENS	98-109
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	88-99
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	88-99
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	87-99
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	92-99

**FRESH TURKEYS WITH TIMERS OR EQUIVALENT U.S. GRADE A,  
DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, EASTERN REGION, CENTS  
PER POUND, WEEK OF 15-JAN-2001**

	<u>(8-16#)</u>		<u>(16-24#)</u>	
	<u>HENS</u>	<u>LBS</u>	<u>TOMS</u>	<u>LBS</u>
	<u>PRICE</u>	<u>(000)</u>	<u>PRICE</u>	<u>(000)</u>
SALES (PROMOTIONS INCLUDED)	72.50	80	67.00	20
SALES (PROMOTIONS NOT INCLUDED)	72.50	80	67.00	20
SALES (PROMOTIONS ONLY)				
SALES (PRICE TO BE DETERMINED)				

**TURKEY MOVEMENT TREND**

(IN THOUSAND POUNDS)

**SLAUGHTER-CERTIFIED RTC TURKEYS**

DECEMBER	397,094 *
JANUARY 1-6, 2001	87,086 *
To date 2001	87,086 *
To date 2000	77,211 *

\* PRELIMINARY

**NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS**BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 06-Jan-2001  
(PRELIMINARY) (RELEASED 12:00 NOON CENTRAL TIME)

<u>-----YOUNG TURKEYS-----</u>			<u>TOTAL TURKEYS</u>		
	<u>PCT</u>	<u>AVG</u>	<u>OLD</u>	<u>AVG</u>	
	<u>CHG</u>	<u>LIVE</u>	<u>BANDED</u>	<u>LIVE</u>	
<u>-THOUSAND HEAD-</u>	<u>PW</u>	<u>WT</u>	<u>-THOUSAND HEAD-</u>	<u>WT</u>	
N EAST	667	60	21.94	(A)	667 21.94
S ATL	761	115	30.04	(A)	762 30.04
N CENT	1,712	53	30.56	(A)	1,712 30.56
S CENT	551	91	21.65	(A)	551 21.65
WEST	294	-29	23.92	(A)	294 23.92
U.S.TOTAL	3,985(B)	54	28.29	1	3,986 28.29
TO DATE					
2001	3,985(B)			1	3,986
TO DATE					
2000	3,547(B)			20	3,567

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 22,000 for the year 22,000; last year to 2,000.

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED**

WEEK ENDING 06-Jan-2001

	<u>YOUNG</u>		<u>YOUNG</u>	<u>OLD</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
	<u>HENS</u>	<u>TOMS</u>	<u>BREEDERS</u>		
	<u>-----THOUSANDS-----</u>				
HEAD	1,693	2,271	21	1	3,986
AVG WT	15.35	36.40	24.13	32.29	27.39
LAST WEEK	993	1,585	13	11	2,602
SAME WK YR AGO	3,545(A)		2	20	3,567
AVG WT	27.06(A)		28.00	26.55	27.06
TO-DATE/2001	3,964(A)		21	1	3,986
TO-DATE/2000	3,545(A)		2	20	3,567

(A) Comparable data not available for last year, this data is comprised of hens and toms.

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**NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT**, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 11 JANUARY 2001.

Domestic trading centered on less than truck lot quantities. Offers on bulk parts were at steadier levels, best on tom necks and tom v-type wings. Breast meat was balanced and steady, thigh meat was available and steady to weak. Mechanically separated turkey was steady to barely steady except into export channels for Russia. Export activity was quiet and spot loads of tom drumsticks and tom v-type wings traded at steady levels.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		W	100.49	51
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/	154.00		154.00	20
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		M	94.00	200
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	23.00-24.00		23.11	45
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH	25.00		25.00	80
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		W	22.00	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		W	22.00	36
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		R	27.00	80
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	32.00		32.00	12
NECKS, TOM	25.00		25.00	26
NECKS, HEN	18.00-22.00		20.42	33
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		F	148.00	320
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	155.00		155.00	15
THIGH MEAT		F	77.00	15
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		W	71.00	120
BREAST TRIM MEAT		T	115.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT		F	112.50	40
TENDERLOINS	130.00		130.00	12
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	129.00		129.00	80
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH		T	142.00	80
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	57.00		57.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	17.00		17.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/		W	18.00	100
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	21.50-22.00		21.90	200
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		W	20.00	52
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	25.00-26.00		25.50	104
TAILS		W	19.00	520
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	18.00		18.00	104
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN				

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.):

M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Breasts are bagged; rib, back, and wing meat included; and basted.

3/ Boneless and skinless without tenderloins.

4/ 15-20% fat with skin added.

**NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT**, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 12 JANUARY 2001.

Trading was active on frozen tom breast meat and light on fresh, both at steady prices for current shipments. Trading was heavy for January through December 2001 deliveries on fresh tom breast meat at 169 and fresh destrapped tenders at 158. Domestic activity on bulk parts centered on less than truck lot volumes. Export sales were heavy on tom drumsticks and tom v-type wings, light on other items. One container of hearts moved into export channels at 22 cents delivered port.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	LST CDE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICE	WEEKLY VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/	99.00		99.00	400	100.74	1,651
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		R	154.00	20	154.00	20
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		M	94.00	200	94.00	200
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	23.00		23.00	22	22.67	227
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		R	25.00	80	24.60	100
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		W	22.00	40	22.33	120
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	20.00-25.00		20.65	46	21.50	88
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN						
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	26.00		26.00	40	26.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		R	32.00	12	28.60	412
NECKS, TOM	23.00-28.00		25.40	105	24.63	211
NECKS, HEN		R	20.42	33	20.42	33
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	147.00-149.00		148.40	400	148.40	400
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	153.00-154.00		153.67	60	152.16	395
THIGH MEAT		F	77.00	15		
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		W	71.00	120	71.00	120
BREAST TRIM MEAT		T	115.00	40	115.00	58
SCAPULA MEAT		F	112.50	40		
TENDERLOINS		R	130.00	12	130.00	12
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		R	129.00	80	130.00	120
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH	136.00		136.00	20	140.80	100
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		R	57.00	80	57.29	140
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		R	17.00	40	17.33	60
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	17.00		17.00	30	16.57	890

## EXPORT TRADING

DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	22.50-27.00		23.82	432	21.76	2,396
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	22.00		22.00	160	21.51	212
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	25.75		25.75	312	25.46	624
TAILS	19.50		19.50	52	19.04	728
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	18.00		18.00	104	19.07	1,056
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN						

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